

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Goods Trains

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various goods trains run vacant for kilometers and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the incidents of running less loaded goods trains by the staff;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the quantum of financial loss suffered by the railway as a result thereof; and
- (d) whether any action has been taken against the officers/staff found guilty of less loading in goods trains; and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Running of empty goods trains is an integral part of freight train operations as empty rakes need to be moved to the loading points after unloading.

With a view to reduce empty running of rakes, Automatic Freight Rebate Scheme for traffic loaded in Traditional Empty Flow Directions has been introduced with effect from 25.06.2015, wherein rakes loaded in the notified empty flow directions are charged at concessional rates to attract traffic.

(b) No, Madam.

(c)&(d) Do not arise. *****